

district elected them, does not fully fulfill the meaning of true representation.

I felt angry knowing that my father, who represents the United States Territory of Guam, who does the same work as any other Member on the floor is still denied his right to vote. Just because you live on the mainland it does not mean you are more American than an American living from far away lands.

Just because I was born on an island far away from the mainland does not make me more or less of an American born in New York, Florida, Virginia or Ohio. I may be considered a foreigner to some, but we were all foreigners at one time. We all pledge allegiance to the same flag, have the same government and share a President, yet are still denied to speak our voice—the voice of an American citizen.

H.R. 330, THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TAX FREEDOM ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of our nation's families, and against the enormous tax increases imposed by the Clinton administration.

Today I cosponsored Congressman VITO FOSSELLA's (R-NY) bill, H.R. 330, which provides a 30% across the board income tax cut for all Americans. If we can not provide tax relief when we have a \$76 billion surplus, when can we? A 30% across the board income tax cut will allow our families to keep more of their money while encouraging our nation's economic growth.

It is time to let the hardworking men and women who generated the surplus keep some of this money for themselves. Too often our nation's families have to do without, so Washington bureaucrats can go on a spending spree. This money belongs to the people and should be spent by the people.

The fact is, if we keep this surplus in Washington, it will be spent. Let's stand up for the hard working men and women in America. I encourage all my colleagues to support a 30% across the board income tax cut.

IN MEMORY OF DEAN GRIFFIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dean Griffin, president of the Cleveland chapter of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). He was a consummate professional as a broadcaster and a strong proponent of achieving fairness in union representation.

Mr. Griffin was born in East St. Louis, IL and received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi. He held various radio jobs around the country before he moved to Cleveland and reported the news for WJKW radio and television in the

1960's and 1970's. He was known as an excellent political reporter and covered events such as national political conventions and the space program.

After 11 years at WJKW Mr. Griffin lost his job when the network was sold. I had the pleasure of working with Dean when he served as a liaison between the Cleveland City Council and the mayor's office. At this same time he held positions as secretary of the Fire Department, where he was known to fight for the local labor union on important issues, and as chief of the Burke Lakefront Airport.

In the 1980's, Mr. Griffin returned to radio and television, working for WAKR in Akron. While his daughter, Dawn, marched in the Brunswick High School Band Mr. Griffin announced the pregame, halftime, and competitive shows, continuing to announce the events even after she graduated.

Mr. Griffin spent his life illustrating how to be an outstanding journalist and broadcaster. As long-time president of AFTRA he always worked diligently to better union representation and the lives of workers. He will be greatly missed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STEVE AND ELEANOR ZARUTSKIE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to call to the attention of our colleagues two remarkable residents of New York State who are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary this coming weekend.

Steve and Eleanor Zarutskie settled in Newburgh, NY, soon after their marriage in 1949, and have remained there ever since. They are both natives of the anthracite coal mining region of eastern Pennsylvania, both of their fathers having been coal miners. They have known each other since childhood. Eleanor was born in the small community of Frackville, and Steve in the even smaller adjacent community of Gilberton. Steve and Eleanor both graduated from Gilberton (PA) High School on June 6, 1944. Steve was class president, but his oration was interrupted by members of the audience leaving the auditorium to hear the latest radio bulletins on the D-Day invasion of Normandy, which took place earlier that same day.

With World War II in full swing, Steve enlisted in the Navy soon after graduation and asked Eleanor to wait for him. She went to work for the post office in Gilberton while he served in the south Pacific. Finally, upon his return from overseas and his military discharge, they were married in Maizeville, PA, on February 6, 1949.

Having spent their honeymoon visiting relatives in Orange County, New York, they decided they liked the scenic beauty of the mid Hudson valley, the employment opportunities of this crossroads of the northeast, and the friendliness of our New Yorkers enough to move permanently to our region. They settled in Newburgh during the summer of 1949, and

soon became Orange County natives. Their family was extended by the birth of two sons, Andrew in 1950 and Stephen in 1954.

Mr. Speaker, in today's climate when commitment seems to have become passe, we can all join in our admiration and respect for Steve and Eleanor Zarutskie who worked as a team to raise their family throughout the trials and tribulations of the second half of the twentieth century.

I invite my colleagues to join in extending our congratulations on this milestone occasion to Steve & Eleanor Zarutskie and with best wishes for health and happiness in the years ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS WALSH

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects and honor a community leader and loyal democrat, Mr. Thomas Walsh. Thomas Walsh passed away last October at the age of fifty-seven.

Thomas Walsh was a devoted public servant and leader in the Chicago, Illinois community of Mt. Greenwood. Thomas Walsh lent his political expertise and strong leadership to numerous democratic candidates across the city, including myself. As a political strategist, Mr. Walsh contributed a working family man's perspective to numerous elected officials. Mr. Walsh was an Army Veteran and a career law enforcement officer, serving on the Chicago Police Department from 1966–1991 and as an Assistant Chief with the Cook County Sheriff's Department from 1991–1998.

An avid athlete, Mr. Walsh also found the time to coach various sports teams, including the Mt. Greenwood Little League and the Mt. Greenwood football program. Mr. Walsh played softball himself in the Chicago Police League from 1966 to 1998.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to pay tribute to Mr. Walsh. As a valuable and revered public servant, community leader, political confidante, and coach, he will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER BRAUN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen of Los Angeles, Peter Braun, who for the past 10 years has led a very extraordinary organization, the Los Angeles Alzheimer's Association. Under Peter's creative leadership, the Association is helping more than 150,000 families in Los Angeles who are dealing with the awful challenge of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The Association provides direct support and assistance, information, and referral to services for people with the disease and the families who care for them. It has also been instrumental in shaping the health and long term